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► Prime Minister Stephen Harper holds a media conference in Calgary yesterday. Harper's Conservative party won a majority in Monday's federal election. More election coverage, page 8.

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School bus fees may jump 60%

- Report to CBE trustees on increase dropped last minute
- Administration says it is 'unable' to speak to proposed rise
- Recommendation likely to return this month — at some point

Busing fees for Calgary students could be driven up 60 per cent this fall, according to a Calgary Board of Education report.

As first reported by Metro, an item originally scheduled for approval at last night's board of trustees meeting proposed a \$13.50 monthly transportation fee increase that would see annual costs for parents swell to \$335 from \$200 with a family maximum of \$670.

The report was moved off the agenda at request of administration due to ongoing confusion regarding a pecuniary — conflict — of interest plaguing at least two trustees who have family members directly affected by CBE budget decisions.

This issue also came up during a resource allocation method debate last month.

Despite repeated requests throughout the evening, CBE chief superintendent Naomi Johnson did not speak with media regarding the report.

"They (administration) wanted to present it to the board first," said spokesperson Joanne Ramondt.

Concerned parents were also left out in the cold regarding the fee increase, as the CBE embargoed the report until 5 p.m., removing any chance of public input.

Typically, all materials for a board of trustees meeting are released one day prior.

Trina Hurdman, a parent with the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools, blogged about frustration surrounding the embargo yesterday afternoon.

Driving up fees

- The Calgary Catholic School District is also recommending a \$20 jump per student in busing fees.
- The proposed increase to busing fees would not apply to high school students, who use Calgary Transit to commute to and from school.

"I think there was a lack of transparency on how this whole issue is being brought about," she said.

The report was made public momentarily last night, but requests by multiple media outlets to obtain a copy were denied. The report had yet to be posted online.

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Harper begins third term



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Store takes angry shopper's bait

Superstore has reportedly pulled a brand-name flour off its shelves after complaints of the products containing worms.

A Calgary woman discovered the worms in three separate bags of Golden Temple flour, purchased from the Westwinds Real Canadian Superstore.

After her complaints to the store's supervisors were ignored, the woman reportedly told customers not to buy the flour, prompting Superstore's parent company, Loblaw, to take action.

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AHS gives clinicians more say

Those on the front lines of health care in the province are getting more power.

Alberta Health Services announced yesterday a leadership realignment designed to transfer more influence to its five zones.

"We're putting the five operating zones as our core elements," said Chris Eagle, president and CEO. "And within those zones there will be a single point of accountability, single leader, for each of the zones."

Eagle said physicians and other clinical leaders were the main drivers behind the change, and that they will be more involved in planning and service delivery.

● HEATHER MCINTYRE



► Perry Cavanagh, executive director of Hockey Calgary, said non-immediate family members and ailing individuals are among those who would benefit from live-streaming hockey games.

Hockey streams plan nets fans

- Online broadcasts of minor hockey could be launched for 2012-13
- Hockey Calgary survey shows 80 per cent support among members

Minor-hockey parents and volunteers alike have given the thumbs-up to live streaming of local games.

In late March, Hockey Calgary said it was consulting with a company called In the Play, which is looking to launch online video capabilities in a few North American minor-hockey communities.

The company's technology would allow subscribers to log on and

watch action at local rinks from the comfort of their own homes for a fee of \$5-\$20 per game.

Before proceeding with a proposal, Hockey Calgary sent out a survey to gauge support among members. The results showed most are in favour of the new technology, said executive director Perry Cavanagh.

"Certainly the sky's the limit on reasons why you would want to watch some-

thing like this," he said.

Aisling Gamble, whose five-year-old triplet boys all play hockey, believes live video would be a welcome addition to local rinks.

"I videotape my kids all the time and throw them on YouTube," she said, adding kids can use the video to review and fine-tune their skills. "I don't have an issue with them being on the web or anything." ● JEREMY NOLAIS

Streaming survey

- 1 Perry Cavanagh of hockey Calgary said approximately 1,500 people participated in the survey.
- 2 Hockey Calgary now plans to take its proposal to local associations with a recommendation that they proceed with In the Play.

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Canada's youngest-ever elected MP won't need that golf course summer job after all. Scan the code for the story.

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Southland station to reopen

Calgary Transit says construction at Southland LRT station is on schedule and it will reopen Friday.

The station has been closed since March 19 while crews extended the platform to accommodate four-car

C-Trains.

At the time, commuters expressed frustration with the short notice provided about the closure.

Construction at the station will carry on past Friday and the ground-level pedestrian ramp will remain inaccessible. Because of this, wheelchair users will have to continue using nearby Heritage and Anderson stations for a few more weeks.

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Answers sought in killing

The family of Mark Mariani, 47, who was slain last October, are pleading for the public's help.

Police believe he was attacked near a parking lot in the 1500 block of 16th Avenue NW on Oct. 3, 2010. ● METRO

City's voter turnout rises

Official vote tallies are in from Monday's federal election, and Calgary's turnout rose ever so slightly over the 2008 ballot.

In all, 58 per cent of voters in the 11 ridings in and around Calgary cast a ballot, a four per cent rise from 2008.

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Local opposition picks up the pieces

► Conservatives win third-straight election, sweeping local ridings



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► Liberal candidate Jennifer Pollock cleans up her office after finishing second in the Calgary Centre riding.

The day after Canadians granted Prime Minister Stephen Harper a majority government, Calgary Liberals are left rebuilding, and Greens are celebrating an overall victory despite a local loss.

With a surprising NDP surge, and a drop in over half of their seats in Parliament, local Liberals are looking at the upcoming year as one of opportunity.

"The people involved with the Liberal party will need to talk to Canadians upfront about building the

party," said Jennifer Pollock, the Liberal representative of Calgary Centre.

The Greens managed to get one seat in Parliament, which was something for the party to celebrate regardless of its loss of popularity in Calgary. The Greens do, however, have strategies to increase votes in the future.

"We need to get our message not just about environmental sustainability but also about economic and social stability out there and see if that really resonates with people," said Calgary Centre-North Green party representative Heather MacIntosh.

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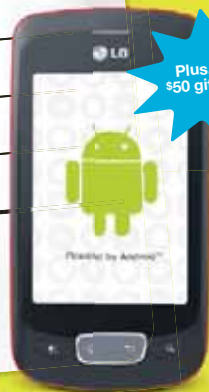
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News in brief



► Nenshi

Nenshi calls on feds to keep promises

BLOG POST. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi called up on the newly elected Conservative majority government to back up recent promises to cities with action. Nenshi, in a blog post published after the election, said the feds need to keep the gas tax transfer and develop a long-term infrastructure plan to "protect core investments in their municipalities and build communities that have the resources to drive our economy and protect our quality of life." ● METRO

Safe use of forklifts lacking: Study

SAFETY INFRACTIONS. Disappointing numbers have been reported for forklift safety in Alberta. Occupational health and safety officers conducted 181 inspections and followup inspections to 87 companies between Feb. 22 and March 18 and found 214 safety infractions.

● METRO

Golfers, get out your clubs

TEE TIME. If you have been itching to book a tee time in the city, this week is perfect time to do so. With most of Calgary's golf courses already open, the City of Calgary has updated their schedule on their remaining courses.

Richmond Green will be in full swing as of May 14.

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Online surge shuts down video store 'gem'

► Bird Dog Video to close at month's end ► Shop opened seven years ago
► Specializes in art house movies, documentaries and hard-to-find titles

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Access offered by online video sites like Netflix has grounded a local video store started as a labour of love.

Bird Dog Video has rented thousands of titles out of its 16th Avenue SW location to movie enthusiasts over the years, but recently revenues began to dip.

"Last year we started to notice," said co-owner Jolie Bird. "Then this year, from January on, it was just awful."

Couple that with the shop's \$3,600 rent bill and Bird along with fellow



► Bird Dog Video co-owners Jolie Bird, left, and Greg Krausnick are bidding farewell to thousands of faithful Calgary film fans.

owner Greg Krausnick were left with no choice.

"It's just a sign of the times with technology," Krausnick said.

Numerous film buffs in the area expressed sadness over Bird Dog's fate.

"It's sad to see another independent business like this go," faithful customer Ame-Lia Tamburrini said. "It's definitely a gem in the community."

As Bird Dog's days wind down, Bird said she is left

Last days

Jolie Bird and Greg Krausnick each spend more than 50 hours a week maintaining Bird Dog Video.

► Bird said neither of them ever earned money while operating the store. Both work separate jobs.

► The store will be open from 1-9 p.m. every day in May as it sells off its titles at discount prices.

with no regrets and many fond memories.

"I like to think we were using our space for more of a community store rather than just a video store."

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MRU launches Alberta's first midwifery degree

► Applications are being accepted ► Classes begin in fall

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With a growing demand for midwives in Alberta, Mount Royal University officially announced its new one-of-a-kind degree in Alberta Monday.

The four-year bachelor of midwifery degree will prepare midwives to offer primary health care to women during pregnancy, through childbirth and into the first six weeks of the baby's life.

"Training and educating more midwives will mean more expectant mothers will get the quality care they want and need



► Alberta Health Minister
Gene Zwozdesky

throughout the most important experience in their lives," said Gene Zwozdesky, minister of health and wellness.

This degree will combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

"Today's announcement marks a key milestone for the mothers and families of Alberta," said Brenda Hendrickson, dean of faculty of health and community studies. "This distinctly 'made in Alberta' program reflects the continuing evolution of health care in the province — particularly the choices available to women for the safe delivery of their babies."

Upon completion, students will be ready to take the Canadian midwifery registration examination and will be able to work anywhere in Canada after passing the exam.

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NDP SWEEP

Barely legal voter is now MP

They were a motley crew of underdogs with virtually no political experience.

One of them, a 19-year-old, was not only voting in his first election but also became the youngest person ever elected to Canada's Parliament.

Pierre-Luc Dusseault, a 19-year-old student of applied politics at the Université de Sherbrooke, now becomes the youngest member of Parliament in Canadian history, according to the House of Commons website.

He surpasses Claude-Andre Lachance, a Trudeau Liberal who

was elected at age 20 in 1974.

Two others won francophone ridings despite being accused of struggling in French. One spent a week vacationing in Las Vegas during the campaign.

Many admitted to having low expectations when the writ was dropped.

Yet they were among dozens of unlikely Quebec NDP candidates who won Monday. Many will bring impressive backgrounds into Parliament.

Among the newcomers are a former diplomat, a prominent Cree leader and an ex-Liberal MP once considered a shoo-in for a cabinet post.

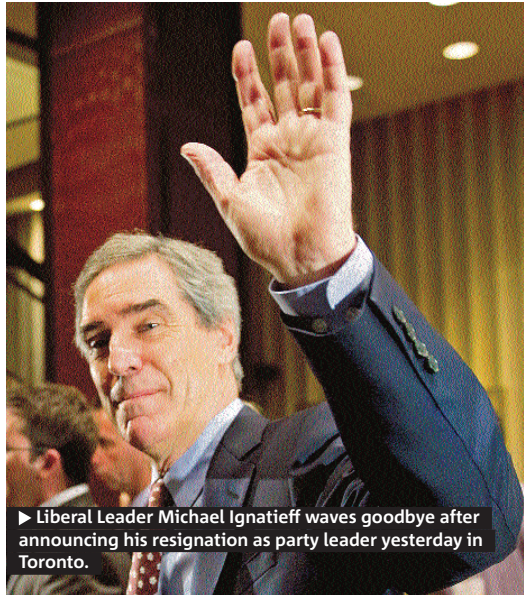
The McGill Daily reported yesterday that four McGill University students also won for the NDP on Monday night. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Pierre-Luc Dusseault

Ignatieff resigns, party left in ruins

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► Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff waves goodbye after announcing his resignation as party leader yesterday in Toronto.

► Iggy blames Tory attack ads for demise ► NDP merger talks floating

Debate over the Liberal party's future began raging even before Michael Ignatieff announced yesterday that he will resign as leader.

Toronto MP Bob Rae, a likely contender to succeed Ignatieff, triggered much of the talk with a blunt assessment that the decimated party can't avoid discussing the possibility of merging with the ascendant NDP.

Ignatieff weighed in against the idea but acknowledged he won't be calling the shots after leading the Liberals to a blood-bath Monday, in which he even lost his seat.

"I will not be remaining as leader of this party," Ignatieff told red-eyed sup-



"It's hard to see how the discussion could be avoided."

BOB RAE, ON A POSSIBLE MERGER BETWEEN THE LIBERALS AND NDP

porters during an emotional news conference in Toronto.

"I will work out with the party officials the best timing for a departure."

He indicated that he expects his successor will likely be chosen in the fall.

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Transparency not an issue for most: Baird



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Conservative supporters at John Baird's victory party in Ottawa West-Nepean said they're "overjoyed" at the party's showing in the election, but they don't want to be named in print.

"I think this goes to the

brilliance of Stephen Harper, John Baird, Jason Kenney and Scott Reid," one said.

But when he learned that media wasn't supposed to be talking to him he asked that his name, which he'd given earlier, not be used in print.

Metroland Media was told "no interviews will be



► John Baird celebrates after his election win Monday.

permitted with supporters in attendance," in an email sent by director of communications Chris McCluskey.

Asked what that ban means for transparency in his riding, Baird brushed off the concern.

"Well you know there's been a lot of discussion about that. I think the big

issues for the Canadian people in election were jobs and the economy," Baird said.

"These are the big priorities in Canada. I think some in the mainstream media put an unusual focus on issues of that nature and I think it's not the priority of the Canadian public," he added.



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U.S. could cut aid to Pakistan over bin Laden

► Officials question whether al-Qaida leader had support

Congress may consider cutting the almost \$1.3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Pakistan if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin Laden was hiding, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said she wants more details from CIA director Leon Panetta and others about the Pakistani government's role.

Incredulous lawmakers are pressing Pakistan for answers to two simple questions: What did its army and intelligence agents know of bin Laden's

Mission improbable

The White House says Osama bin Laden was unarmed when he was confronted by U.S. commandos at his Pakistani hideout.

- One of bin Laden's wives tried to rush U.S. assaulters and was shot in the leg.
- The Navy Seal team code-named their target Geronimo.

whereabouts and when did they know it?

The al-Qaida terrorist

leader behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the United States lived and died in a massive, fortified compound built in 2005 and located on the outskirts of Abbottabad, just kilometres from the capital of Islamabad.

Amid the high praise for the successful U.S. military operation, congressional Republicans and Democrats questioned whether bin Laden was hiding in plain sight, with Pakistani military and intelligence operatives either totally unaware of his location or wilfully ignoring his presence to protect him. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. Obesity



► Michelle Obama dances with students at Alice Deal Middle School in northwest Washington, D.C., yesterday.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First lady is first to move

U.S. President Barack Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, unveiled her national public awareness campaign, Let's Move, last year with an aim to eliminate childhood obesity within a generation.

Royal couple take home over honeymoon

Britain's most glamorous royal couple is spending this week on an island — just not the kind of island everyone expected.

It's not a private honeymoon retreat in the Caribbean, but Anglesey, a wind-swept spot off northwest Wales where Prince William works as a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot at the Royal Air Force Valley base.

A palace spokesman said the couple had decided to stay "weeks ago."

So instead of suntan lotion and lazy dips in an azure-blue sea, it's back to work just days after the couple's picture-perfect wedding captivated much of the world. Kate Middleton, now the duchess of Cambridge, does their shopping while William trains and works on the base.

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Russian officer who blew whistle on U.S. spy ring charged with treason

The former Russian intelligence officer who helped U.S. authorities arrest a Russian spy ring last summer has been charged in his homeland with high treason and desertion.

The indictment for Alexander Poteyev, the

man accused of tipping off American authorities about Anna Chapman and her fellow deep cover agents, has been passed to Moscow's main military court, Russian news agencies quoted a Federal Security Service statement as



► Anna Chapman, the pinup girl for Russian agents, is seen in New York in this file photo.

saying.

Poteyev, who controlled U.S. based spy operations from Moscow, fled to America just before Washington announced it had uncovered the 10 spies last summer.

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Sentence

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A business-friendly Conservative majority government gave financial markets some cause for comfort.

But the news failed to inspire gains on the Toronto stock market, which tumbled almost 250 points yesterday as investors looked beyond the victory and focused on headwinds facing equity markets.

Traders were relieved to see a majority win in Monday's election since it removes a degree of political uncertainty. But analysts said there were plenty of other things for investors to worry about.

"The Mideast is in turmoil, the U.S. is in turmoil and probably will contin-

Market moment

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executive of Davis Rea Ltd.

The election cleared the way for the federal budget to be passed. Analysts expect that the Conservatives will retable the budget introduced by Jim Flaherty this spring, which offered several tax breaks for small businesses.

But corporate Canada could face higher bills. The government had planned to make changes in the way partnerships work that previously allowed for the deferral of corporate tax. Also on the agenda were changes to the rules governing the way dividends are paid. The measures would boost government revenue.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

ue to be as it figures out it has a long-term economic problem. And you have the European debt crisis," said John O'Connell, chief

Wheel. Dealer



► Users of Bixi Toronto will have year-round access to 1,000 bicycles at 80 stations downtown. Bixi was ranked 19th in Time magazine's 50 Best Inventions of 2008.

PAT HEWITT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto cyclists are whistling Bixi

Bixi, the bicycle-sharing system that turned Montreal into a city on wheels, rolled into Toronto yesterday. A runaway success, Bixi launched in May 2009, and within a year had expanded to 5,000 bicycles and 400 stations in downtown Montreal. With systems in 10 cities worldwide, the company last year reported revenue of \$33 million and net income of \$7 million.

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Apple's upgraded line of iMacs boasts faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port.

But those aren't the most interesting features of the new desktop computers. Apple's Magic Mouse is making way for the Magic Trackpad, both of which are standard options with the 2011 models.

Apple launched the Magic Trackpad last year. The 12.7-centimetre-square glass surface, backed by aluminum, is a larger version of the trackpad that comes with Apple's MacBook. Some Mac users prefer the touch surface to the Magic Mouse.



► The 2011 iMacs: 20 times faster

The new iMacs also come with Intel quad-core processors, which had been available as an upgrade to the standard dual-core processors of the previous generation. Apple said the new models are up to 70 per cent faster.

The 54.61-centimetre iMac (\$1,199) has a single

Thunderbolt port, which can carry data at speeds 20 times faster than most USB ports. The 68.58-centimetre iMac (\$1,699) has two Thunderbolt ports.

Apple introduced Thunderbolt on MacBook Pro laptops in February. It last revamped its iMacs in 2009.

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Ford tops in sales

Ford Canada has reported its best April since 2000, making it the country's top-selling automaker last month.

Canadian sales rose nine per cent to 25,548 vehicles from 23,441 in the same month last year. Ford

saw car sales rise 33 per cent, while truck sales were up three per cent as higher gas prices drove some consumers to make more fuel-efficient choices.

Meanwhile, sales at Honda Canada fell six per cent to 12,269 units, as the car maker dealt with parts shortages since the March 11 earthquake.

Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. said April sales have broken its all-time record for a single month, with 14,267 units sold, a gain of 14.2 per cent over last year.

Volvo Canada also reported double-digit growth in April, with 705 vehicles sold, up 11.4 per cent from March.

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What scientists do all day is kind of a mystery.

We imagine they spend their days searching for a cure for cancer or watching the polar ice caps melt.

Not all of them, it turns out. A team of scientists at the University of Kentucky listens to tunes all day.

Hey, they're just like us!

Before you start imagining a bunch of guys with lumpy sweaters and sensible shoes gettin' jiggy with The Black Eyed Peas, remember, these are scientists and there's a serious point to all this.

And that is: After running three decades of hit songs through the computer, Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music.

"... Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music."

Not sure he needs a research lab for that ... all he really needs is an iPod and Eminem's Greatest Hits, but he's on to something.

Thirty years ago, everyone was having a good time (Kool & The Gang: Celebration); racial harmony (Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder: Ebony And Ivory); and togetherness (Sister Sledge: We Are Family).

These days, forget about peace and love, it's just about me. Or Justin Timberlake ("I'm bringing sexy back"), or Beyoncé ("It's blazin'. You watch me in amazement"), and Fergie

("It's personal, myself and I.")

As for the bred-in-the-hood surliness of Eminem and his posse, DeWall factored in a control for hip hop so those lyrics don't unfairly dominate his study.

He discovered that although pop music may be dominated by barely weaned puppies like Justin Bieber, it's not all love songs to Dora The Explorer. No one is feeling the love much these days, unless it's love of self. Exhibit A: Keri Hilson's "All eyes on me when I walk in, no question that this girl's a 10."

It's hard to believe things can change so much in a single generation, but guess what happens when the only subject taught in school is self-esteem? Then when you go to college, it's Self-Esteem 101, Advanced Self-Esteem 201, etc.

Ergo: Pop self-esteem sells. I don't need a scientist to tell me that. In fact, I don't need anyone to tell me what to think. I'm the greatest writer in the world, and I'll think whatever I feel like thinking. And if you don't like that, remember Cee Lo Green's message in his 2010 Billboard Top 100 hit, F--- You.

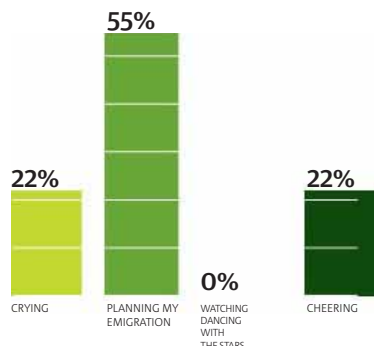
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Worth mentioning

NEW YORK. The best place in the world to be a mom is Norway, where maternal and child mortality rates are low, women's life expectancy and years in school are high, and the average maternity leave is about one year, a new study measuring the well-being of mothers and babies shows.

Australia and Iceland join Norway at the top of Save The Children's 12th annual Mothers Index, released yesterday. Canada ranks 20th, the United States places 31st and Afghanistan is last.

The international non-profit group's ranking analyzes the maternal and child indicators and other published information of 164 countries.

The survey considers Afghanistan the worst place to be a mother, with women having a life expectancy of 45 years — the world's lowest — and one of every 11 women dying in childbirth. One of every five children in the country doesn't live to age five.

By contrast, a typical Norwegian woman lives to be 83 years old, and just one in 175 will lose a child before his or her fifth birthday.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Fanning the flames of transit rage

Tempers can flare when your morning commute turns into a delay induced sit-in.

But while many of us tear up our tickets, tweet our frustrations and glare at the teenager blaring his iPod who keeps kicking the seat, a group of Argentinean travellers went a few steps further when it decided to burn down its train.

The rail roasting was ignited Mon-

day, during the morning rush hour commute that brings workers from the suburbs into Buenos Aires. But instead of being glided into the city, passengers were left stranded for 30 minutes after a train derailment.

That's when the rage set in and eight carriages at three commuter stations went up in flames, with violence quickly spreading from the Haedo stop to the nearby stations of Ramos Mejia and Cuidadela.

The angry mob of commuters also forcefully removed train drivers and an inspector from a train and stole ticket boxes from one station. Three passengers were arrested over the incidents, federal police deputy Chief Hugo Matzkin told the Buenos Aires Herald. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



► Chris Hemsworth admits it took effort to bulk up for the role of Thor.

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Scene in brief



Zach Galifianakis leads the 15th annual Webby Awards with four awards for his Between Two Ferns With Zach Galifianakis Web series.

Other winners include Lisa Kudrow, Arcade Fire and Justin Bieber.

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The Book of Mormon gets a leading 14 Tony Award nominations; The Scottsboro Boys gets 12.

Thor looks good in 3-D

► Director Kenneth Branagh says the most important part of the film was casting Thor



Tasked with bringing Thor from the comic book pages to the big screen, director Kenneth Branagh couldn't help but feel a bit daunted.

The scale of the undertaking couldn't help but make you feel that way, he says. "It was very, very challenging, but that was a part of what was attractive," says Branagh.

Luckily, producer and Marvel honcho Kevin Feige was there to keep him on task: "On Day One, I asked Kevin, 'What should I do first?'" Branagh remem-

bers. "And he said, 'The one thing you need to do right now — and until it's finished — is cast Thor. That's it. Just cast Thor.'"

Not an easy task as it turns out, though as the story for the film developed, Branagh found himself circling back to a young actor who had read early in the casting process: Chris Hemsworth.

"You're looking for really a lot tied up in one bundle," Branagh says of the character, the Norse god of thunder who is cast out of Asgard by his father, Odin.

"At one point we said, 'We should go back and meet that very handsome

Australian lad who came in.' There was this required quality of an innate, charming confidence that did not spill over into arrogance that meant he would stand up in a scene with Anthony Hopkins."

Of course that's not all Hemsworth had going for him: "When he takes his shirt off there's obviously a wow factor that cannot be denied," Branagh says.

Bulking up enough to earn those accolades wasn't easy for 27-year-old Hemsworth — though it wasn't the weight-lifting that gave him the most trouble.

"The most uncomfort-

able thing was the eating," Hemsworth says. "I just don't naturally sit at that weight, so I'd have to force-feed myself with ... 20 chicken breasts and rice and steak. All very boring, sort of plain things. That was the most exhausting part of the whole film."

What was daunting for Hemsworth was working with the veteran Hopkins. The younger actor wasn't prepared for Hopkins' brand of humour.

"I remember being on set our first day with Tony and going through the rehearsal, and Tony saying, 'Is that how you're going to do it?' and then going, 'He's

kidding, right?" Hemsworth remembers. "That's a big thing I learned from Tony — have a good time doing it. What should've been the most intimidating experience walking in was the most enjoyable."

As it turns out, Thor wasn't Hemsworth's favourite choice when it comes to superheroes — not that he isn't thrilled to play him.

"I would run around the house pretending to be (Superman). At some stage when I was a kid I also had a Robin costume ... A nice pair of green underwear and a yellow shirt and red cape."

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On a recent episode of 30 Rock, Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) joked that he made a North Korean propaganda film directed by Kim Jong-Il rather than appear in a Kate Hudson film. It was a funny joke on a show known for its irreverent take on celebrities, but like all good jokes there's a hint of truth to it.

Of course Hudson is still a popular actress; capable of headlining any Hollywood rom-com, but this is more a question of what might have been.

How did an Oscar-winning actress who once said, "I'm not a big fan of romantic comedies," end up with a CV littered with toxic titles like Fool's Gold, My Best Friend's Girl and Bride Wars?

Sure, she has a sunny smile and girl-next-door appeal, but anyone who saw her sweet and wonderful turn as Penny Lane in Almost Famous rues the day she decided to aim for the MTV Best Kiss Awards

rather than Academy Awards. Surely she can do more than stand on a beach while a shirtless Matthew McConaughey runs into her open arms.

It's not all bad news in Kate's career, however. This weekend she is firmly rooted in rom-com land with Something Borrowed, the kind of fluffy confection she specializes in, but lately there have been signs that she's making some effort to stretch her comfort zone.

Cinema Italiano, her exuberantly fluffy all-singing-all-dancing tribute to 1960's pop music and style, was one of the best things about Nine, the musical version of Federico Fellini's classic 8 1/2, and The Killer Inside Me, a violent, hardboiled crime story are both steps in the right direction, but they're baby steps.

I want to be a Kate Hudson fan. I really do. But I need convincing that she wants me to be a fan and taking the easy route isn't going to do that. Even her old co-star Matthew McConaughey has smartened up and realized that rom-coms are a faulty foundation to build a career on. His last film, the drama The Lincoln Lawyer, earned him the best re-



► Actress Kate Hudson

views and most notice of his recent career.

I'd like to see Kate stretch in that way. Watch Almost Famous again and see the heartbreaking pathos she brings to every frame of that movie.

That's the stuff careers and legends are built on and she has the talent and the know-how to give us more of that.

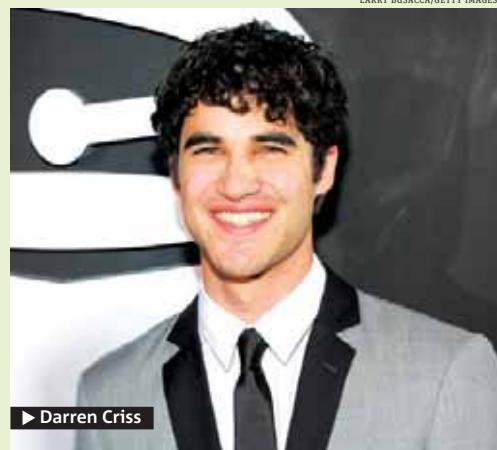
SMALL SCREEN TEENAGE DREAMS

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Darren Criss isn't even officially a full-time cast member on Glee, yet he's one of the most popular stars on the Fox TV show.

The actor made his debut last fall as Blaine Anderson, a gay student at Dalton Academy where Chris Colfer's character, Kurt, transfers after being bullied out.

His performance of a version of Katy Perry's Teenage Dream quickly became one of the show's most popular performances to date. Viewers were smitten, and the 24-year-old was quickly written into most of the season's episodes.



► Darren Criss

Your performances are so popular on Glee. What's it like to be on an album?

They're all incredible songs, so I really enjoyed them all. I worked super hard. If people are enjoying them I'm glad because it's not something that I took lightly, so I'm really happy.

What would you like to see on Glee that hasn't happened yet?

I would really love it to start in the summer because I want to see what these kids are up to when they're not in school ... I always joke that everyone in Glee is like family-less. I don't

know how they're getting around. They're like 15, 16 years old (laughs).

When did you realize your first appearance on the show was a big deal?

I don't watch a lot of TV. I'm really busy so I wasn't really feeling it. I was living in my little ... apartment. It was really dirty.

Nothing really manifested itself in an immediate way. I still had laundry to do, bills to pay. Any successes it may have garnered it didn't hit me (laughs) at all so it was this very intangible thing. People were like, "It's doing really well" and I was like, "OK, great."

Do you have plans to release a solo album?

I was kind of at a crossroads right before I started Glee. I was literally about to throw in the towel with acting because music was proving itself sort of more mentally, spiritually and financially lucrative. I started a theatre company in Chicago, Team StarKid, and my EP Human started doing really well (it charted on Billboard) and that was gonna be my life. Glee has both empowered and complicated that whole process. Whatever album I was about to put out got put aside for a little bit. It'll happen eventually.

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Royal couple may head for Hollywood

► Looks like William and Kate will drop by to see the Beckham clan

Prince William and his new wife may be heading to Hollywood, according to royal family expert Andrew Morton.

"Royal aides have penciled in a two day visit to Hollywood at the end of their tour of Canada which takes place in late June and early July," Morton reports.

The visit would mark

the first overseas visit as a married couple for the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Morton says it's likely that royal wedding guests David and Victoria Beckham would be involved in the L.A. visit.

Currently, the new couple is scheduled to visit Canada.

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Wedding will have to weight



► Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson is excited about marrying fiancé Eric Johnson, but she won't do it until she's dropped a few more pounds, according to Hollyscoop. "They were hoping for an early summer wedding, but pushed it back so they both have a chance to shed extra pounds," a source says, adding that Simpson has already lost 20 pounds thanks to a strict diet and workout regimen.

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Looks like Pussycat Doll has X Factor

While there's still no word from Simon Cowell on the list of judges for the U.S. edition of the X Factor, Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger is reportedly set to be the host of the new show, according to People magazine.

Scherzinger has some experience with the franchise, as she was a guest judge on the British version last year.

While Cowell hasn't made any official an-



► Nicole Scherzinger

nouncements yet, he's previously expressed his affinity for Scherzinger: "I absolutely adore her. She's gorgeous and ruthlessly ambitious," he said in a radio interview with Ryan Seacrest. ● METRO

Sheen rejects Lowe's offer

Rob Lowe, who himself has been sober for 21 years, says he's offered help to longtime friend Charlie Sheen, but the offer wasn't exactly well-received.

"I love Charlie deeply, always have. I've always wanted him to be healthy, happy and together. But he's doing it his way for better or worse," Lowe tells Popeater.

"I say, 'Charlie come my way.' He doesn't want to. To put it mildly, he's not interested."

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Celebrity tweets



"I just made a kickass chocolate mousse cake, in preparation for my local baking competition."

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"I shaved. Y'all can relax now. Haha"

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"I really hope bin laden didn't get reincarnated as one of Mariah Carey's babies."

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Travel in brief



Whale watching companies are predicting a successful season this year in the Strait of Georgia after numerous orca sightings in recent weeks. The whale watching season kicked off April 1 and runs until October. On the web: vancouverwhale-watch.com and seabreezeadventures.ca

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Travelling to run: Marathoners' vacation plans often tied to location of next race



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Some people can relax quickly by hopping a flight to a random all-inclusive beach vacation. Others, I found out on a recent girls' getaway trip to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, need a few extras to kickstart the decompression.

Making Yourself a Priority

If, like me, you tense up at the thought of check-in crowds and crammed-together charter seating, consider an upgrade that streamlines the travel process. Transat Holiday's Options Plus ensured our group priority boarding, roomy up-front seats in



► A view of the Excellence Playa Mujeres.

which work-stiff shoulders could relax immediately, priority unloading of our luggage when we landed, and pronto transportation to our hotel via private vehicle.

The Luxe Life

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Services at Aiile, the adult-only hotel's impres-

sive spa, banish the remnants of work-related fatigue and nine restaurants offer fare worthy of the term gourmet.

Keep it coming

At the Royal Hideaway in Riviera Maya, meandering paths branch off to a number of cheerful two-storey Colonial-style villas with open centre courtyards.

Skilled spa therapists again reduce us to mellow Jell-O. Outside, the atmosphere has a bit more of a party vibe than the Excellence Playa Mujeres. A buff instructor encourages water-aerobics participation to catchy dance tunes; we join in and enjoy poolside snacks and drinks. This is the life.

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Nevis: A Caribbean gem

► Amazing beaches, flora and fauna greet visitors to this well-kept secret hot spot ► The breathtaking views from the Nevis Peak makes for a great hike ► No all-inclusives here but that allows you to dabble in the local cuisine

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Nevis Peak soars out of the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea topped with a halo of white clouds. It is the island's showpiece and figurehead, a proud symbol of peaceful, eco-friendly living. Nevis is one of the Caribbean's best kept secrets.

Located 3.2 kilometres from the shore of neighbouring St. Kitts, the government of Nevis has been

careful not to allow the crush of time share complexes and hotel chains to ring its beaches.

Known as the Queen of the Caribbees, Nevis has a rich heritage of old sugar plantation ruins and is the birthplace of Caribbean tourism. The Bath Hotel opened in 1778 and became the playground of the rich and famous. You can still take a dip in the healing mineral hot springs at the base of the old hotel that now houses government offices.



► The island of Nevis is known as the Queen of the Caribbees.

Getting there

The most efficient route from Canada is to fly direct from Toronto to St. Maarten or Antigua then take one of the connector flights like LIAT to Nevis. LIAT (liat.com) flies to 22 destinations in the Caribbean. Another option is to fly to St. Kitts and take a short ferry ride over to Nevis.

What to do there

For the adventure seeker, you can hike uphill through the tropical rain forest until you reach the top of Nevis Peak. Afterwards, you could lunch at the Golden Rock Estate taking in its stunning vistas of the Caribbean Sea and Montserrat.

A trip to the Botanical Gardens where rainforest flora and fauna intermingle with seventy varieties of orchids would be a good excursion, along with a visit to the Nevisian Heritage Village.

Shopping in the capital of Charlestown might



► Orchids

beckon you but if the beauty of Nevis is still calling, you could go horseback riding or deep sea fishing. But the ultimate thing to do in Nevis is to crawl into a comfortable beach chair or hammock, stare at the calming turquoise water and do — absolutely nothing.

Where to stay

There are no all inclusive hotels on the island but what you will discover are amazing four and five star resorts and guest houses. One of the most famous is Nisbet Plantation Beach Club. The luxurious resort features 36 cottages lining the perimeter of the Avenue of the Palms that

leads you down to the white sand and ocean.

The Great House, built in 1778 has been lovingly restored and dining there is an inspiring infusion of Caribbean, West Indian and North American favourites.

Nisbet Plantation is an experience to be savoured and was recently named the Caribbean resort of the year by Travel and Leisure Magazine.



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Bay of Fundy, a unique wonder

► With the highest tides in the world, there are plenty of exciting activities and sights for tourists

A lot has been written about Atlantic Canada's Bay of Fundy since it was named one of the top 28 finalists in the global New7Wonders of Nature campaign, but lesser known is the multitude of opportunities the bay offers to tourists.

There's sightseeing, hiking, fossil hunting, boating, whale watching, tidal bore rafting, fishing, camping and, of course, enjoying the variety of delicious seafood.

The 270-kilometre-long Bay of Fundy is bordered by the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and features the world's highest tides.

More than 100 billion tonnes of seawater flow in and out of the bay during each tide cycle, resulting



► Lobster boats rest at their moorings in N.S.

in dramatic changes along the shoreline.

In places like Hopewell Cape, N.B., you can go kayaking, and just six hours later be walking on the ocean floor.

"If the tides are that high, they're also that low, so they go out several kilo-

metres in several locations around the bay," said Terri McCulloch, executive director of Bay of Fundy Tourism.

"There is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the ocean floor at low tide."

McCulloch recommends



► There are 12 species of whales in the Bay of Fundy.

Alma Beach and numerous places along the Fundy Trail in New Brunswick, as well as the Parrsboro area in Nova Scotia as places to safely walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out.

The Fundy Trail — which runs between St. Martin's, N.B., and Fundy National Park — offers visitors lots of opportunities to experience the bay from scenic vistas, as well as excellent driving, biking and hiking routes.

In St. Martin's you can see the caves that have been carved into the cliffs by the tides. Here there are a number of quaint bed-and-breakfasts, and a number of places that boast the best seafood chowder — a claim you'll hear in many places around the bay.

Speaking of food, there's never a lack of fresh lobster, clams or mussels to feast on anywhere on the New Brunswick or Nova Scotia sides of the bay. Smoked salmon is another delicacy the bay is known for.

If viewing marine life is more your fancy, there are many whale watching companies that offer tours in the outer areas of the bay — particularly between Grand Manan Island and St. Andrews, N.B.

"We have 12 species of whales in the bay," McCulloch said. "The right whales are probably best known because they are an endangered species and we are the summer feeding habitat for those whales."

Porpoises and seals are also plentiful in the outer bay, and passengers taking the ferry ride to Grand Manan are almost guaranteed to see a variety of sea life.

"Seeing the whales is something that has meant a lot to us as a family," said New Brunswick Premier David Alward. "It is very much a part of who we are."

These suggestions represent just a fraction of the many activities available for tourists who decide to explore the 1,200 kilometres of coastline around the Bay of Fundy.

The final seven finalists in the New7Wonders of Nature campaign will be announced Nov. 11.

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Drummers: the pulse of a great celebration

AS CROP OVER MOVES AHEAD, SO TOO DO ITS EVENTS, GROWING IN SCALE AND EXTRAVAGANCE

In Bajan history the plantation looms large. The end of the sugar cane harvest was an end to heavy work and a time for celebration—singing, dancing, music of all kinds. And while the colonial period is long gone in Barbados, the celebration remains. For some fourteen weeks in the summertime, the entire island throws a party. This is Crop Over, and you're invited.

Crop Over begins in May with the Super Six Calvades, continuing with Heritage Fairs highlighting artists and craftspeople in their respective villages, and culminates in

August with lights, colours and booming sounds—Barbados' answer to Carnival. The soundtrack to Crop Over is calypso, a musical form using syncopated rhythms and satirical lyrics to agitate and entertain. Competition between calypso artists is fierce during Crop Over, and never more so than on Pic-o-de-crop, the last Friday of the festival, when a 'calypso king' is crowned. It takes more than a good voice to be king—performers must command every aspect of the stage, including dancing, costume and props, to catch a judge's eye.

As Crop Over moves ahead, so too do its events, growing in scale and extravagance day by day. The last Sunday of the festival is Cohoblotop ('a mix of things'); a blending of dance, drama and music, performed onstage before crowds of thousands. Cohoblotop performers represent Barbados' top talent, and such is the prestige of the event that today, artists from across the Caribbean take part. Patrons begin streaming into venues in the early evening, outfitted with coolers, rags and flags, forming their own colourful parade.

Crop Over's grand finale is known as 'Grand Kadooment'; a summer street carnival featuring large, costumed bands and fireworks. Kadooment Day is a national holiday in Barbados; a time when the dividing line being spectator and reveler blurs, with performers and crowds alike making their way from National Stadium to Spring Garden Highway, accompanied by the sounds of calypso. The bands' outfits represent various themes, and like many

elements of Crop Over, prizes are awarded for the very best. In Barbados, having fun is serious business, and everyone gives it their all.



Crop Over's colours: always vibrant

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Grilled Halloumi, Apple & Honey

Here's proof that you can craft an elegant appetizer using nothing but a panini press. This recipe uses halloumi, a Greek cheese that stands up to the heat of the press. Unlike most cheeses, halloumi will soften but not melt.

any moisture left by apples. Add cheese slices, lower top and cook 3 or until browned on both sides. Arrange cheese on platter with apples.

- 4** Drizzle apples and cheese with honey; sprinkle with basil and pepper. Serve with bread.

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Preparation:

- 1** Heat a panini press or countertop grill to medium-high.
- 2** Slice each apple quarter into 3 slices. Arrange slices on grill, lower top and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender and lightly browned on the outside. Arrange slices on a serving platter.
- 3** Use paper towel to wipe grill to remove

Ingredients:

- 1 firm tart apple (such as Granny Smith), quartered and cored
- 8 oz (250 g) halloumi cheese, cut into 8 slices
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) torn fresh basil
- Ground black pepper
- Slices of crusty bread

The fastest way to creative creations

► The panini press is for more than just making sandwiches and other snacks ► It also creates delicious (and quick) appetizers and desserts

The panini press is most often used to make pressed sandwiches.

Now these appliances are being employed to create creative appetizers and desserts.

You can buy an electric panini press for as little as \$40, or as much \$300; the models around \$100 often offer the most versatility at the best price point. Most of the clam-shaped devices have ridges (though some are flat and griddle-like) and heat up on both the top and bottom grill plates, so they cook things really fast.

Countertop Napoleons

Who knew a panini press and a package of frozen puff pastry could be combined to create such a light and elegant dessert?

Best yet, the whole thing comes together in little time and with even less mess. You simply thaw the puff pastry (available in the grocer's freezer section), cut it into squares, then throw it on the panini press. Cooking the pastry on a panini press makes for perfectly golden, crisp and gently puffed flaky layers.

Once your pastry layers are cooked, you layer them



► This Countertop Napoleon is made in four simple steps.

with whipped cream (you can use purchased if you want to make this dish even faster and easier) and fresh berries.

The result is a dessert to rival restaurant offerings.

Preparation:

- 1** Heat a panini press or countertop grill.
- 2** Cut each sheet of puff pastry into nine 3-by-3-inch (7.5-by-7.5-cm) squares. Working in batches, to fit your press at once, cook pastry squares with the cover set gently down on them 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned

and cooked through. Transfer squares to plate to cool; set aside.

- 3** In bowl, using electric mixer, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream, orange marmalade and honey.
- 4** Spread layer of whipped cream over 6 of the pas-

try squares. Top each with berries, then another square of pastry. Repeat with another layer of whipped cream, fruit and a third pastry square. Finish Napoleon with a final layer of cream, then fruit. Dust with icing sugar.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (450 g) frozen butter puff pastry sheets, thawed
- 1 cup (250 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour

cream

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) liquid honey
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Small start-ups offer opportunity

STUDENT VOICE

AMIRA DHALLA
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Having always had a flair for marketing, I went into university thinking I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated: work for a consumer packaged goods (CPG) company. While completing my degree in business at Wilfrid Laurier University, I was able to partake in the co-op program that allowed me to gain real world experience.

I was fortunate to get placements at Disney Consumer Products and Unilever, both great CPG companies.



► Amira Dhalla

Though I loved the brands and products that I worked on, I never felt in control of my projects and I found that myself and my ideas often got lost.

It was my third co-op

term at QuickPlay Media that really opened my eyes to the start-up environment.

I excelled in the small environment and felt like I was contributing to the

company's bottom line.

I grew up believing that the more popular the brand and the company, the better the opportunity to learn and succeed.

However, through my co-op experiences, I learned that there are equal, if not greater, learning opportunities to be had in smaller, start-up companies.

I did some research on people who I had admired and realized that they were all entrepreneurs who had formed or been a part of a start-up.

It was these people who had learned the most by going against the grain and taking risks. Upon graduating, I simultaneously took two different job positions at two very different start-ups.

Where Amira is now

I am currently working as a Community Manager at My City Lives (mycitylives.com), a digital platform for individuals to share stories and experiences about their city through videos.

I am very passionate about Toronto and, in my job, I am able to help showcase why my city and the people are great.

I love my job and I'm thankful to all my previous experiences that have led me to where I am today.

Key take-aways from Amira's school-to-work transition

• Take advantage of internship and co-op programs offered by your school.

Your school's existing relationships with some of the world's biggest and best

companies will help you get invaluable work experience before you even graduate.

• Pay attention to how you feel about the style of work you're expected to do and ask yourself if it's your ideal work environment. If it's not, try out other opportunities until you find something you like.

• Don't discount small businesses and start-ups: They often allow even young, inexperienced employees to contribute their ideas and can give you much more responsibility and control over your work than larger companies.

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Canada's leaders of new business

The Business Development Bank of Canada honoured 11 of the country's most successful young entrepreneurs at the 23rd edition of its Young Entrepreneur Awards (YEA) held in Saskatoon yesterday.

The YEA winners were chosen based on the originality of their business concept, as well as their company's success, growth

potential and social involvement. The provincial and territorial selection committees also considered the entrepreneur's, the number of years he or she has been in business and any special challenges that were overcome. Among the winners were: **Jason Parks, 31** Profab Welding Ltd. Grande Prairie

After leaving school in his teens and leaving behind his dream of being a professional hockey player, Jason turned to welding, his other passion. Beginning with one truck in 2003, he used his flair for equipment design and his natural business instincts to land a major contract in the oil services industry. When the recession hit in

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Jeremy Gutsche, 32 Trend Hunter Inc.

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► Jason Parks was honoured by the Business Development Bank of Canada as one of 11 of the country's most successful young entrepreneurs.

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Preparing to get pushed out

► Know the tell-tale signs you're slowing being fired



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Being pushed out — fired in agonizingly slow motion, really — may be the most dreadful way to get let go, career counsellors say, and the way you conquer the terror can determine how fast you rally back.

"The first thing you need to do is step back and see if you're really being pushed out," Career-builder.com advisor Micheal Erwin advises to those who could be on the way out.

"When there's change in an organization, a lot of times your mind will run amuck and you can feel

"The first thing you need to do is step back and see if you're really being pushed out."

CAREERBUILDER.COM ADVISOR
MICHEAL ERWIN

like you're being pushed out when management is actually just trying to get a hold on everything that's going on in the company."

Stay cool, open-minded, and ready to subtly prove your worth, he recommends.

You may, he notes, be only suffering from a bout of pushed-out paranoia.

"But if they stop giving you projects, if they stop

asking you to come to meetings, if they stop asking you for input, those are all signs that you're position may be eliminated," he warns.

If you are being pushed out, be sure to find someone to lean on.

"You need to assemble a board of advisors around you," Executive Coach Barbara Frankel says.

"Ask them for recommendations. Focus on your career goal. Ask, 'what would be the best path going forward.'"

The way out may be so obvious, she adds. "If it's a large enough company, you may be able to just transfer to another department."

HOW TO FIGHT BACK

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Employees often author their own workplace misfortunes. Few take advantage of this country's lenient labour laws and fewer challenge their employer's decisions, however unjust. Most will just complain. But if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some key do's and do not's:

Do not expect that promotional decisions will be made fairly. There is no legal requirement to promote the longest serving or most meritorious employee.

Do protest your employer's decisions that you disagree with, such as a poor performance appraisal, and do it in writing. Failing



► There are some do's and don'ts to fighting back.

to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with its decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain.

Do not sign contracts without negotiating first. Employers deliberately prepare employer friendly agreements, since most people will just agree to what they are given, happy to get anything at all.

Do be wary of skeletons in your closet. Just about

every employee has one. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to dismiss you, however unjust. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your career.

Do not leave agreements to handshakes or memory. Employers conveniently "forget" about oral agreements once employees leave and courts often refuse to intervene without written evidence of a deal.

Do not assume your position is safe. No job is.

Do pick your battles prudently: In one recent case, the employee lost because he refused to complete an important assignment, mistakenly believing it was not part of his job.

Do not expect a court or your employer's sympathy when you challenge whether you should perform your work.

DANIEL LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN LLP. HIS FULL ARTICLE CAN BE READ ONLINE AT METRONEWS.CA

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Lightning strikes again

► Two late goals have Capitals on the verge of being knocked out
► Game 4 is tonight in Tampa

Steven Stamkos and Ryan Malone scored 24 seconds apart in the third period and the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning beat Washington 4-3 to push the top-seeded Capitals to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

After winning twice in Washington, the Lightning returned home and rallied to take a commanding 3-0 series lead. Tampa Bay can advance to the conference finals with a victory at home tonight in Game 4.

Vincent Lecavalier and Sean Bergenheim also scored for the fifth-seeded Lightning, whose sixth straight post-season win gave them a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series. Tampa Bay hasn't



lost since falling into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

Alex Ovechkin had a power-play goal and an assist for Washington, which led 3-2 heading into third period after Mike Knuble, John Carlson and Ovechkin scored in the second.

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► Eric Brewer makes a move to get past Washington's Alex Ovechkin.

Coyotes

The NHL has exercised its option to take \$25 million US from the City of Glendale to cover losses by the Phoenix Coyotes this season.

► The city had placed the money in escrow a year ago at the NHL's insistence to cover such losses if the

sale of the team had not gone through by the end of this season.

► The NHL bought the team out of bankruptcy in September 2009 with the intention of finding a buyer to keep the team in Arizona.

► A proposed sale has been stalled by the threat of a lawsuit by the Goldwater Institute.

Bulls' Rose is NBA's youngest ever MVP

The NBA has made it official: Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose is the MVP.

Rose officially became the NBA's youngest MVP yesterday. He joins Michael Jordan as the only Bulls players to win the award after a spectacular season in

which he led Chicago to the league's best record.

Rose, 22, got 113 first-place votes from a panel of media voters. Orlando's Dwight Howard finished second and Miami's LeBron James was third

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► Derrick Rose

Sports in brief

Lions cut loose Yonus Davis

CFL. The B.C. Lions have terminated the CFL contract of kick-return specialist Yonus Davis, who is facing drug charges in California.

Davis was the West Division finalist last season

for the CFL's outstanding special teams player.
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Court grants NFL request

NFL. A federal appeals court in the U.S. agreed yesterday to fast track the NFL's request to put its labour lockout in place until a new deal is finally worked out.

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Sports in brief



Ryan Kesler scored his second power-play goal at 10:45 of overtime, and Vancouver beat Nashville 3-2 and grabbed a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series. Kesler scored his first two goals of the post-season and had an assist. Chris Higgins had the other goal for Vancouver.

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x-Washington at Tampa Bay, TBA
Wednesday, May 11
x-Tampa Bay at Washington, TBA
PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON
(Boston leads 2-0)
Monday's result
Boston 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Philadelphia at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at Boston, TBA
Thursday, May 12
x-Boston at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE
(Vancouver leads 2-1)
Last night's game
Vancouver 3 Nashville 2 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Vancouver at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 9
x-Vancouver at Nashville, TBA
Wednesday, May 11
x-Nashville at Vancouver, TBA
SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT
(San Jose leads 2-0)
Tonight's game
San Jose at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Detroit at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
x-San Jose at Detroit, TBA
Thursday, May 12
x-Detroit at San Jose, TBA
x — if necessary.

CANUCKS 3, PREDATORS 2 (OT)
First Period
1. Nashville, Legwand 3 (Suter, Spaling) 10:18 (sh)
Penalties — Smithson Nash (tripping) 9:38,
Lapierre Vcr (interference) 12:29, Smithson
Nash (high-sticking) 19:42.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, Kesler 1 (Ehrhoff, D.Sedin) 1:00 (pp)
Penalties — Fisher Nash (tripping) 5:22,
Lapierre Vcr (slashing) 8:08, Kesler Vcr (high-
sticking) 18:22.
Third Period
3. Vancouver, Higgins 3 (Kesler, Edler) 3:03
4. Nashville, Ward 4 (Erat) 13:18
Penalties — None.
First Overtime
5. Vancouver, Kesler 2 (Samuelsson, Ehrhoff)
10:45 (pp)
Penalty — Weber Nash (hooking) 10:05.

Shots
Vancouver 15 9 16 7 —47
Nashville 8 4 14 4 —30
Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,6-4-0);
Nashville: Rinne (L,5-4-0). Power plays (goals-
chances) — Vancouver: 2-4; Nashville: 0-3.
Referees — Chris Lee, Tim Peel. Linesmen —
Scott Driscoll, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 17,113 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

LIGHTNING 4, CAPITALS 3
First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 5 (Moore, Downie) 11:03
Penalties — R.Jones TB (interference) 7:13,
Washington bench (too many men; served by
Ovechkin) 7:48, Knuble Wash (elbowing) 15:27.
Second Period
2. Washington, Knuble 2 (Ovechkin) 0:59
3. Washington, Carlson 1 (Chimera, Johans-
son) 7:58
4. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 5 (St.Louis, Purcell) 11:51
5. Washington, Ovechkin 5 (Semin, Green)
17:27 (pp)
Penalties — Backstrom Wash (holding stick)
12:45, Brewer TB (holding) 13:50, Clark TB
(hooking) 15:52, Hall TB (hooking) 16:26,
Arnott Wash (slashing) 17:51.
Third Period
6. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 4 (Hedman) 5:23
7. Tampa Bay, Malone 2 (Thompson, Hall) 5:47
Penalty — Hall TB (hooking) 8:57.
Shots
Washington 13 14 5 —32
Tampa Bay 8 7 15 —30
Goal — Washington: Neuvirth (L,4-4-0); Tampa
Bay: Roloson (W,7-3-0). Power plays (goals-
chances) — Washington: 1-5; Tampa Bay: 0-4.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Steve Miller.
Att. — 20,613 (19,758) at Tampa, Fla.

SCORING LEADERS
G A PT
Giroux, Pha 1 11 12
P.Bergeron, Bos 2 9 11
St.Louis, TB 5 5 10
Lecavalier, TB 4 6 10
Cammalleri, Mtl 3 7 10
Briere, Pha 7 2 9
Clowe, SJ 4 5 9
Marchand, Bos 4 5 9
Downie, TB 2 7 9
Datsyuk, Det 2 6 8
Perry, Ana 2 6 8
Purcell, TB 1 7 8
van Riemsdyk, Pha 7 0 7
Selanne, Ana 6 1 7
D.Sedin, Vcr 5 2 7
Burrows, Vcr 4 3 7
Kelly, Bos 4 3 7
Ovechkin, Wash 4 3 7
Couture, SJ 2 5 7
Gagne, TB 1 6 7
Gagnani, Buf 1 6 7
S.Koivu, Ana 1 6 7
Horton, Bos 4 2 6
Keith, Chi 4 2 6
Krejci, Bos 4 2 6
Fisher, Nash 3 3 6
Ward, Nash 3 3 6
Bolland, Chi 2 4 6
Getzlaf, Ana 2 4 6
Hossa, Chi 2 4 6
Reschi, Bos 2 4 6
J.Thornton, SJ 2 4 6
Brewer, TB 1 5 6
P.Kane, Chi 1 5 6
Laich, Wash 1 5 6
Myers, Buf 1 5 6
M.Richards, Pha 1 5 6
Timonen, Pha 1 5 6

I.White, SJ 1 5 6
Vaneck, Buf 5 0 5
Bergenheim, TB 4 1 5
Pavelski, SJ 4 1 5
Semin, Wash 4 1 5
Doan, Phx 3 2 5
Clifford, LA 3 2 5
Gionta, Mtl 3 2 5
Leino, Pha 3 2 5
Sharp, Chi 3 2 5
Stamkos, TB 3 2 5
S.Weber, Nash 3 2 5
Frolik, Chi 2 3 5
Heatley, SJ 2 3 5
Holmstrom, Det 2 3 5
Johansson, Wash 2 3 5
Marleau, SJ 2 3 5
Moore, TB 2 3 5
Richardson, LA 2 3 5
Plekanez, Mtl 2 3 5
Smyth, LA 2 3 5
Spaling, Nash 2 3 5
Vrbata, Phx 2 3 5
Last night's game not included

HOCKEY

IIHF
MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
At Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia
PRELIMINARY ROUND
Group A
G P W O W O L L G F GA Pts
Germany 3 2 1 0 0 9 5 8
Russia 3 2 0 0 1 10 9 6
Slovakia 3 1 0 0 2 9 9 3
Slovenia 3 0 0 1 2 7 12 1
Group B
G P W O W O L L G F GA Pts
Canada 3 2 1 0 0 17 5 8
Switzerland 3 1 1 1 0 8 5 6
France 3 0 1 1 1 3 11 3
Belarus 3 0 0 1 2 3 10 1
Group C
G P W O W O L L G F GA Pts
United States 2 2 0 0 0 9 3 6
Sweden 2 1 0 1 0 7 5 4
Norway 2 0 1 0 1 7 8 2
Austria 2 0 0 0 2 1 8 0
Group D
G P W O W O L L G F GA Pts
Czech Rep. 2 2 0 0 0 10 2 6
Finland 2 1 1 0 0 8 3 5
Latvia 2 0 0 1 1 4 7 3
Denmark 2 0 0 0 2 1 11 0
Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an
overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Kosice
Canada 4, Switzerland 3, OT
France 2, Belarus 1, OT
At Bratislava
Germany 3, Slovenia 2, SO
Russia 4, Slovakia 3
Monday's results
At Bratislava
Czech Republic 6, Denmark 0
Finland 3, Latvia 2, SO
At Kosice
United States 4, Norway 2
Sweden 3, Austria 0
Today's games
All times Eastern
At Bratislava
Denmark vs. Latvia, 10:15 a.m.
Finland vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.
At Kosice
Austria vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. U.S., 2:15 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
New York	17	10	.630	—	
Tampa Bay	16	13	.552	2	
Boston	14	15	.483	4	
Baltimore	13	15	.464	4½	
Toronto	13	16	.448	5	
CENTRAL DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Cleveland	19	8	.704	—	
Kansas City	16	13	.552	4	
Detroit	13	17	.433	7½	
Minnesota	10	18	.357	9½	
Chicago	11	20	.355	10	
WEST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Texas	16	13	.552	—	
Los Angeles	16	14	.533	½	
Oakland	15	14	.517	1	
Seattle	13	16	.448	3	

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2
Minnesota 1 Chicago White Sox 0
Detroit 4 N.Y. Yankees 2
Boston 7 L.A. Angels 3
Kansas City 6 Baltimore 5 (10 innings)
Cleveland at Oakland
Texas at Seattle
Monday's results
Oakland 5 Texas 4 (10 innings)
Chicago White Sox 6 Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 5 Detroit 3
Boston 9 L.A. Angels 5
Today's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Chicago White
Sox (Danks 0-4), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Nie-
mann 1-3), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 1-1) at Detroit
(Scherzer 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 1-3) at Boston (Beck-
ett 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 3-1) at Kansas City
(Davies 1-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 4-0) at Oakland (Cahill 4-
0), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 3-1) at Seattle (Pineda 4-1),
10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m.
Houston at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Colorado at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Philadelphia	19	9	.679	—	
Florida	18	10	.643	1	
Atlanta	15	15	.500	5	
Washington	14	15	.483	5½	
New York	12	17	.414	7½	
CENTRAL DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
St. Louis	17	13	.567	—	
Cincinnati	14	15	.483	2½	
Pittsburgh	14	15	.483	2½	
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	3	
Chicago	12	16	.429	4	
Houston	12	17	.414	4½	
WEST DIVISION					GB
	W	L	Pct		
Colorado	17	9	.654	—	
Los Angeles	15	15	.500	4	
San Francisco	14	15	.483	4½	
Arizona	12	15	.444	5½	
San Diego	11	18	.379	7½	

Last night's results
San Francisco 7 N.Y. Mets 6 (10 innings)
Philadelphia 4 Washington 1
Houston 10 Cincinnati 4
St. Louis 7 Florida 5
Colorado at Arizona
Pittsburgh at San Diego
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers
Milwaukee at Atlanta, ppd.
Monday's results
Atlanta 6 Milwaukee 2
Florida 6 St. Louis 5
Pittsburgh 4 San Diego 3
Washington 2 San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Houston at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Today's games
All times Eastern
Houston (An.Rodriguez 0-0) at Cincinnati
(T.Wood 1-3), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers
(Lilly 2-2), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 4-2) at San Diego
(Richard 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Washington (Marquis 3-0) at Philadelphia
(Worley 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 0-0) at Atlanta
(T.Hudson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-3) at N.Y. Mets
(Capuano 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Vazquez 2-2) at St. Louis (Carpenter
0-2), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 3-2) at Arizona (Enright 1-
2), 9:40 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Houston at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at St. Louis, 1:40 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

LACROSSE
NLL PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
DIVISIONAL FINALS
Saturday's games
EAST DIVISION
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Washington at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

TENNIS

MADRID OPEN

At Madrid
Men's Singles — First Round
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Milos Raonic,
Thornhill, Ont., 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Mikhail
Youzhny (13), Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Lu Yen-Hsun, Taiwan, def. Fernando Verdasco
(15), Spain, 7-6 (7), 7-5.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Viktor Troicki
(16), Serbia, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Nikolay Davy-
denko, Russia, 7-5, 6-2.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Pablo Andujar,
Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croa-
tia, 7-5, 7-6 (8).
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Olivier
Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.
Men's Singles — Second Round
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Adrian Mannari-
no, France, 7-5, 0-6, 6-0.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Gael Monfis
(9), France, 6-2, 3-0 retired.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Pere Riba,
Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. John Isner,
U.S., 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Thiemo
De Bakker, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Bojana
Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Francesca Schiavone (3), Italy, def. Sara Er-
rani, Italy, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.
Samantha Stosur (5), Australia, def. Daniela
Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, def. Agnieszka
Radwanska (10), Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Mari-
on Bartoli (11), France, 7-5, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (16), Czech Republic, def.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., def. Vania King,
U.S., 6-0, 6-2.

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7 series)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago (1) vs. Atlanta (5)
(Atlanta leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Atlanta 103 Chicago 95
Tonight's game
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Miami (2) vs. Boston (3)
(Miami leads 2-0)
Last night's result
Miami 102 Boston 91
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers (2) vs. Dallas (3)
(Dallas leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Dallas 96 L.A. Lakers 94
Tonight's game
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City (4) vs. Memphis (8)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City 111 Memphis 102
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.



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Bumper

On the TL's behind, there's a new bumper with built-in reflectors along with fresh taillights, trunk-lid trim and exhaust outlets.

Besides the front, the rest of the TL's physical presence remains pretty much static, save for a new selection of standard and optional multi-spoke wheels.

Interior

Further refinements can be found inside the passenger area with upgraded trim, available ventilated front seats and an optional voice-recognition sound system that can store up to 3,500 songs on a 15-gigabyte hard drive.

As usual, the TL, even in base form, arrives as a well-turned-out vehicle, but there are a number of significant extra-cost features on the menu. The Technology Package includes a navigation system with traffic and weather updates, 440-watt ELS-brand sound system, premium leather-covered seats and keyless push-button start.

Engine

Continuing on is the base 280-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 (which sports new friction-reducing pistons for 2012) and the optional 305-horsepower 3.7-litre V6.

However, Acura has swapped out the previous standard five-speed automatic transmission for a six-speed. The name of the game here is fuel economy and Acura reports that the 3.5 is now rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway.



► After a daring redesign for the 2009 model year, Acura clawed back the more controversial styling elements, such as the some-would-say-bizarre rear finish panel on the trunk. If you don't know what we're talking about, then the design change worked.

New nose is good news



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Staying a step or two ahead of the competition can be a risky move, especially if you manufacture cars for a living.

Sign off on a decidedly different design and the distance between success and failure can be just a nip, tuck, or crease away.

Take the TL, for example. Acura's sporty sedan has always ranked high with buyers for its combination of spaciousness, styling and performance, all at an attractive price point.

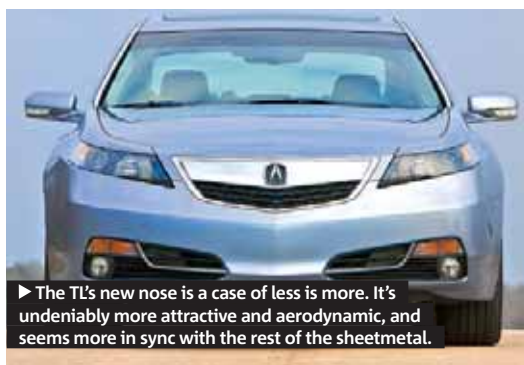
However, the car's 2009-model-year makeover for the upscale-Honda-division's top-selling sedan garnered less-than-favourable reviews, particu-

larly for the oddly-shaped, shield-like grille and a bumper that resembled a ship's prow.

So, for the 2012 model year, the stylists have taken a scalpel to that bit of frontal daring-do and also completed numerous other modifications throughout the vehicle.

On the road, the TL, which starts at about \$41,400 including destination charges, rides and drives pretty much like the previous edition and exhibits the same excellent road manners and interior refinement that has made it such a popular choice over the years.

Now with a host of subtle, but significant, improvements in design and content, the TL will no doubt have broader appeal.



► The TL's new nose is a case of less is more. It's undeniably more attractive and aerodynamic, and seems more in sync with the rest of the sheetmetal.



► Swoopy, blended features and protruding instrument pods highlight the TL's comfortable interior, but the silver foil-like trim would be much better if it were stitched leather.

Acura TL



What you should know about the 2012 Acura TL:

- **Types:** Four-door front-/all-wheel-drive entry-luxury sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (280); 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (305).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic; six-speed manual (opt. on 3.7).
- **Market position:** Among the crop of luxury-oriented sedans, the TL's distinguished reputation for providing a wealth of standard equipment at a relatively down-to-earth price helps it attract a loyal and enthusiastic following.
- **Stats:** l/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/6.8 (3.5).

By comparison

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Base price: \$40,000
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Lexus ES 350

Base price: \$43,000
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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF EXPERIENCE

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My dear mother turned 80 last Saturday. On our way to the birthday bash, I caught myself thinking that she might not show up for her own party.

Because a few weeks earlier she flunked the written "multiple choice" test all Ontario drivers must pass if they want to continue driving after they hit 80 years of age.

After the test, a driver

examiner came out to talk with her, and subsequently decided that if she wanted to keep her license, she would not only need to try the written test again and pass it, but also pass an actual driving test.

No thanks, said my mom, I'm done.

So Saturday was not only her 80th birthday, but also the last day she would ever again hold a valid driver's license.

So I half-pictured her suddenly deciding to blow the party off, in favour of getting behind the wheel of her 2004 Hyundai four-door Accent, and heading off for one last monumental road trip, possibly to Vegas, possibly picking up an assortment of hitchhikers along the way.

Turned out she was game for the party, and actually not too melancholy about re-entering another non-driving phase of her life.

Her first non-driving

► Is it Driving Miss Daisy, or Miss Daisy Driving? Well, according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, young drivers have the highest number of collisions. Seniors aged 80 and older have the second highest rate based on the amount of driving.



phase was actually quite a stretch. She only started to drive the year after my father died. He died at 50.

Mom got her license at 50.

My brother and I taught her, first taking her where our father first taught us — the cemetery. With its little-used network of mini streets, the cemetery was a perfect training course.

And we had to go there a lot anyway, so it was convenient, though too emotionally busy at the time for my taste.

My father was a natural, confident, and graceful driver. My mother is the other kind.

But she persevered and practiced and got her license on the first try. She evolved into a pretty de-

cent driver. Her accidents were mostly minor in nature.

In retrospect, she should have developed a better technique for backing up.

Generally, she just swiveled her head about five degrees in either direction, pretended to look at the side mirrors, then stared straight at the rear-view mirror, commenced

reversing, and hoped for the best.

She lives in the suburbs. Everyone, including me, is encouraging her to hire cabs whenever she feels like getting out — and not just for emergencies.

But it will be tough going for a while. She grew up in a country and in an era where they boiled a lot of potato soup. Jumping into a cab, just to get out of the house, will not feel entirely natural.

Her flexibility and freedom and range of social interaction have all diminished somewhat.

But that's the way it is... Not everybody should be driving well into old age, and she's of that group.

Just so happens our daughter, Amelia, turns 16 later this year and is aching to get her license.

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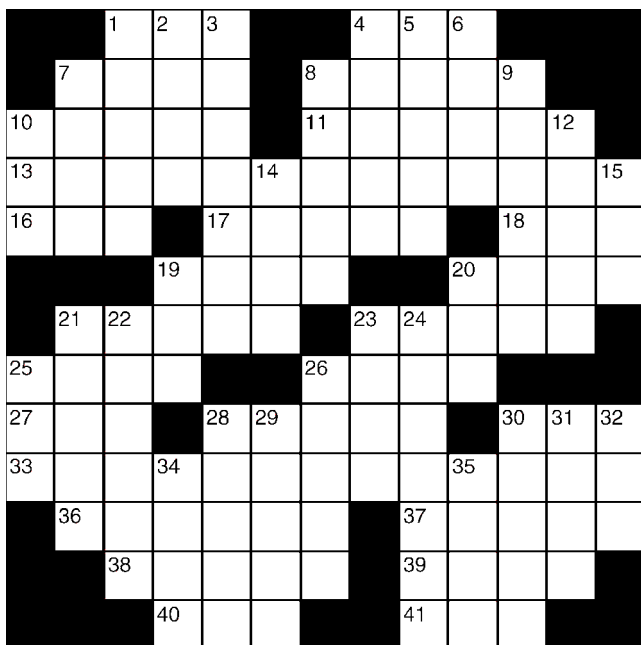
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Crossword

Across

- 1 Commercials
4 "Doo" follower
7 First victim
8 Acrylic fiber
10 Scent
11 Wallowed (in)
13 Sofa, recliner, ot-toman, etc.
16 New Guinea port
17 Antimacassar
18 Spotted, a la Tweety
19 Intend
20 Arm bone
21 Cricket, for one
23 Performs high-tech surgery
25 Sonic —
26 Scoff
27 Elev.
28 Ladd and Alda
30 Shemp's brother
33 Guesswork
36 Jog sans togs
37 Gambling game
38 Surpass
39 Kill a bill
40 French possessive
41 English cathedral city

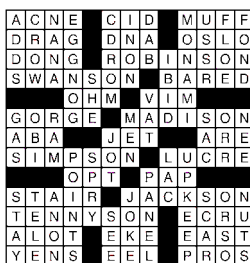


- 12 Campus bigwigs
14 Grownup kid
15 Old airline initials
19 Mid-May honoree
20 Work with
21 Cobbler's supply
22 Spud
23 Chain part
24 Exculpate
25 Evil
26 "King of Pop," in headlines
28 Mountain ridge
29 Begins
30 Thurber's dreamer
31 Aware of
32 Id counterpart
34 Tom-tom, e.g.
35 Christmas refrain

Down

- 1 Overhead
2 Actress Moore
3 Smear tactics
4 Slobber
5 Metallic blend
6 Actress Celeste
7 Met melody
8 Utah politico Hatch
9 Get snug and cozy
10 The whole enchilada

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You need to make changes in the way you use your resources.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets in their courses will make it easy for you to excel over the next few days.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how bad things might seem at the moment, they will get better very soon.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Even if things go wrong today, it won't stop you from believing that your life is blessed. It is.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Don't do things just to impress others. Do things that mean something to you personally.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment for a while. The world is yours to explore.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't do something about overspending, the consequences could be dire.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't get far under your own steam today, so ask for help.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make sure you're on top of what you have to do and that you do an excellent job of it.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Focus on the one aim that means more than anything.
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♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Shout if you have to. Don't let others drown out your voice.
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Yesterday's answer ►



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Q,
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From **VANESSA**

Nadia, Your smile is my sunrise, your kiss is my sunset. Thank you for being the most wonderful woman, friend, mother, wife and companion. Thank you for standing by me. I love you. Your husband **JORGE**

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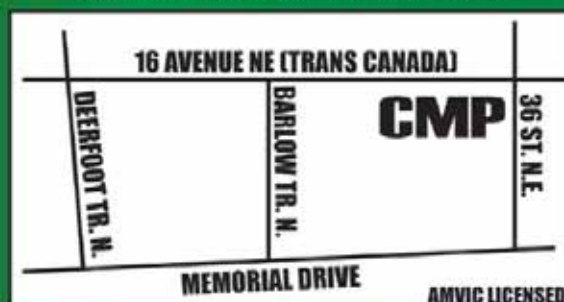
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